

April 12, 1950.

Miss Elise Cahn,  
108-26 65 Avenue,  
Forest Hills, New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Cahn:

Professor Crow has just mentioned receiving your letter of the 3d via the Graduate School Office, and his reply with enclosure of an application form. I have just received your completed form in response to my letter, and you can disregard Dr. Crow's note and enclosure. However, a small recent photograph is called for on the application and should be submitted.

I do not wish to encourage you unduly, but Dr. Crow and I have been scraping the barrel, and there is a possibility of a vacancy for a teaching assistantship for the coming year. It has already been offered to a previous candidate, but there is a real possibility that it will remain available. Would you like to be considered for such a position -- primarily a lab in introductory genetics -- for the coming year? Depending on the amount of time which was assigned, the stipend would range from \$ 950 to \$ 1250 for the academic year? There might also be a possibility of additional stipend for research during this coming summer. As a further qualification, I must add that the research for which support and space might be available would be concerned with problems of crossing-over in *Neurospora*, under the joint supervision of Dr. Crow and myself. You may have to consider whether this would be a congenial enough to your interests, at least for your first year. I must also add that, under the circumstances, your qualifications as a candidate for further research support after the first year will be scrutinized on the same basis as those of other entering students, rather than with those students for whom facilities have been tentatively reserved following their acceptance under regular procedure.

--- I have just received a letter from Dr. Davis mentioning that you will have the opportunity of remaining there for next year, after all. However, this in no way modifies my remarks, although I am glad to know that your situation is perhaps a little less pressing now. ---

Please let us know if you would still be interested in coming here this Fall under the above conditions. We will inform you as soon as possible if the vacancy materializes. Meanwhile, if you are still interested, please ask Drs. Sonneborn and Torrey to write to Dr. Brink, Dr. Crow or myself, on your behalf.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg